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COMMITTEE (CEPPC) IN VERSAILLES, 16-17 JUNE 1977  
SUMMARY. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE JUNE MEETING OF THE  
CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE (CEPPC) WERE  
LIMITED DUE TO THE GERMAN RESERVATION ON THE 1977  
CENTRAL EUROPE OPERATING AGENCY (CEOA) BUDGET, AND OTHER  
CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM (CEPS) FINANCIAL PRO-  
BLEMS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DEPUTY PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVES. THE UNITED STATES REP (LOVELAND) MADE  
A STATEMENT ON THE TURNOVER OF THE ZWEIBRUECKEN-  
HUETTENHEIM PIPELINE TO NATO AND REQUESTED THE CEOA TO  
PROVIDE AN UPDATED COST ANALYSIS OF THIS PROPOSAL BY  
UPDATING DOCUMENT (AC/210-D/975) FOR DISCUSSION AT A  
FUTURE CEPPC MEETING. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY OPERATOR POSTS PEND-  
ING THE PROPOSED AUTOMATION OF THE VILCEY-ZWEIBRUECKEN  
LINE WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE LIFTING OF THE GERMAN  
RESERVATION ON THE BUDGET. HOWEVER, THE APPROVAL OF A  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST WAS DELAYED PENDING  
FURTHER JUSTIFICATION. THE MODERNIZATION OF THE VILCEY-  
ZWEIBRUECKEN PIPELINE WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO NETHERLANDS  
AND US CONFIRMATION. US DELAY WAS REQUIRED TO VERIFY  
AVAILABILITY OF US FUNDS PRIOR TO OBLIGATION.

2. THE UNITED STATES REP PLACED A RESERVATION ON THE FIRST CEOA SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SINCE INFRASTRUCTURE-ELIGIBLE ITEMS WERE INCLUDED IN THE FIRE PREVENTION PROPOSAL FOR FOS DEPOT AND AN ADEQUATE COST ANALYSIS FOR THE CONNECTION OF THE CEPS TO ORANGE AIRFIELD WAS NOT AVAILABLE. INFRASTRUCTURE ELIGIBILITY QUESTION MAY BE FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FRENCH DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE CEPS.

3. AN ADVANCE 1978 CEOA BUDGET WAS NOTED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN OPERATIONAL COST IS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 14 PCT. US REP HOPED THAT TOTAL COULD BE REDUCED OR AT LEAST THE DEFICIT HELD TO RATE OF GROWTH NO GREATER THAN THE BUDGET.

4. A REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF AUDITORS FOR 1974 BASED ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUMMARIES OF TRANSACTIONS PREPARED BY THE CEOA WAS NOTED AND NATIONAL COMMENTS WERE REQUESTED IN WRITING BY 1 JULY 77.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY TRAPIL (FRENCH PIPELINE MANAGEMENT AGENCY) SHARPLY  
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INCREASED IN 1975 DUE TO A CHANGE IN COMPUTER AND REWRITING OF PROGRAMS. THE NATO AUDITORS WILL BE ASKED TO EXAMINE THIS REQUIREMENT AND DETERMINE BENEFITS TO CEPS.

6. THE FRENCH DELEGATE (GENTILHOMME) ANNOUNCED THAT FRANCE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PURCHASE OF ADN ENGINES WITH INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. THE CHAIRMAN, CEPPC (HOFMAN) REQUESTED CEOA TO PREPARE A PAPER REFLECTING THE IMPACT ON THE PURCHASE OF THESE ENGINES.

7. THE US REP MADE A STATEMENT ON THE TURNOVER OF THE ZWEIBRUECKEN-HUETTENHEIM PIPELINE TO NATO AND REQUESTED THE CEOA TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED COST ANALYSIS OF THIS PROPOSAL BY UPDATING DOCUMENT (AC/210/D-975) FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE CEPPC MEETING.

8. THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER, CEOA (VERBOIS), WAS REFERRED TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR COMMENT. THE GENERAL MANAGER VOLUNTEERED TO CONTINUE IN HIS PRESENT POST AND WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE BELGIAN REP (DECORTE). UK AND FRG REPS (ILLING AND SCHAMONG) SUPPORTED HIS CONTINUATION. HOWEVER, DUE TO NATO MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE COULD ONLY BE EXTENDED FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MONTHS. STREATON

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